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SUBJECT: PFLP/GC CHIEF JABRIL DISCUSSED PLO, GENEVA
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1. LIBYAN DAILY "AL BALAGH" OF JUNE 21 CARRIES TEXT
OF WHAT IT SAYS IS PFLP/GC CHIEF AHMAD JABRIL'S FIRST
INTERVIEW WITH AN ARAB NEWSPAPER. JABRIL'S OPPOSITION
TO PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CON-
FERENCE PUTS HIM AT ODDS WITH ARAFAT AND HIS BACKERS,
OF WHOM HE IS IMPLICITLY CRITICAL. INTERVIEW COMES
AFTER JABRIL'S MEETING WITH QADHAFI (REFTEL). FOLLOW-
ING ARE EXCERPTS.

2. GENEVA CONFERENCE: JABRIL DECLARED HE WAS ABSOLUTELY
OPPOSED TO PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION AT
GENEVA UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, EVEN IF RES. 242 WERE
AMENDED. TO GO TO GENEVA, JABRIL SAID, WOULD GIVE
ARAB REGIMES TAKING PART "POLITICAL COVER" AOD A
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"CERTIFICATE OF INNOCENCE". THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY

GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD GIVE PALESTINIANS TERRITORY FROM WHICH THEY COULD CONTINUE TO FIGHT, SO THERE WAS NO POINT IN GOING. AT RECENT PALESTINIAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE JABRIL SAID PFLP/GC HAD SUCCEEDED IN GETTING AGREEMENT THAT PNC MUST BE RECONVENED BEFORE ANY DECISION ON GENEVA WERE TAKEN.

3. STATUS OF PLO: JABRIL SAID THAT DECISION OF ALGIERS SUMMIT TO GRANT PLO RECOGNITION AS SOLE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WAS "NOTHING BUT CORRUPTION AND ATTEMPT TO INDUCE PLO INTO ATTENDING GENEVA CONFERENCE". JABRIL REFERRED TO PRESSURES ON PLO BY "SOME ARAB REGIMES" TO GET PLO TO DECLARE ITSELF GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, AND IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION SAID FLATLY THAT IF PRESENT PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WERE TO DO THIS, PFLP/GC WOULD WITHDRAW FROM IT.
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